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Local woodcarvers honored

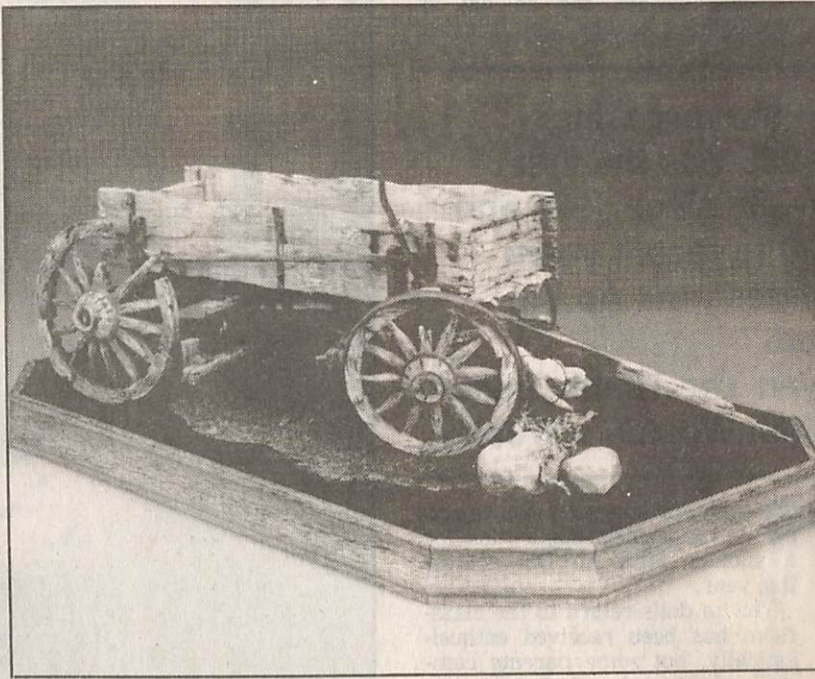
Exhibit draws support of four national carving champions

John E. Moore of Provo, Utah was awarded Best in Show at the recently completed Rocky Mountain Carver's Cup Competition/Exhibition held at the Monte L. Bean Museum on the BYU campus.

Moore's Monarch of Madison River was selected for its artistic composition and general artistic appeal. Unlike traditional wood carving shows held around the country, the focus of the Carver's Cup Competition is in the artistic value of each carving entered. The strict technical aspects of perfect anatomy and coloring are considered strongly, but overall artistic value of a piece is paramount to the judging.

Darwin Dower, another carver from Provo, won the People's Choice Award. The public attending the show were given the opportunity to select their favorite carving. From hundreds of ballots cast, Dower's Western History entry was selected by the people as their favorite.

Other winners included: Chester Wilcox, Citrus Heights, Calif., Sponsor's Choice; Craig D. Jones, Smithfield, Utah, Best Natural Presentation; Darwin Dower, Provo, Best Miniature; Richard Dawson, Bountiful, Best in Open Class; Keith S. Hone, Benjamin, Best Mammal; Craig D. Jones, Smithfield, Best in Birds; and John E. Moore, Provo, Best in Fish.



Photos courtesy of the Monte Bean Museum

Best in Show went to John E. Moore, Provo, for Monarch of Madison River, left, Darwin Dower also of Provo won the People's Choice award for his Western History entry at right.

There were more than 120 entries in the first of what is expected to become an annual competition/exhibition. Work is already underway in the planning of next year's event. The event captured the imaginations and interest of four world champion carvers who attended the show as guest exhibiting artists and who have pledged their support in insuring that the Rocky Mountain Carver's Cup becomes one of the premier wood carving events in the country.